

The City of Marion, South Carolina

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FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To register, call:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

If you use a TTY: 1-800-462-7285

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362



ASISTENCIA POR DESASTRE

Para inscribirse, llame al:

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Please have the following available:

- Your Address with zip code
- Directions to your property
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone Number where you can be contacted
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Por favor tenga disponible lo siguiente:

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- Información del seguro, si está disponible
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Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

La asistencia de recuperación por desastres es disponible sin tomar en consideración raza, color, religión, origen, nacional, sexo, edad, discapacidad, dominio del inglés o nivel económico.

Spanish

City of Marion
27th Annual
Holiday Prelude &
Community Tree Lighting Celebration

Saturday, December 3rd
HMRA Prelude to Christmas 9am-1pm
Marion Christmas Parade 4:30pm
Sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce

Sunday, December 4th
Annual City Tree Lighting Celebration 6pm
Marion County Courthouse
Fireworks at Withlacoochee Park 7pm

Saturday, December 10th
Historic Marion Christmas Tour of Homes 2-6pm
Sponsored by Marion Chamber of Commerce & the Pilot Club of Marion

Thursday, December 15th
Downtown Marion Merchants' Extended Shopping Hours
6-8pm Downtown Marion

*call the Chamber office for information/details 843-423-3561

REMEMBERING OUR VETERAN'S



There are not words big enough. There is not a hug strong enough. There is not a smile wide enough. All we can offer is THANK YOU. You are our HEROES. You are in our thoughts and our prayers for all you have done.

"Honor to the soldier everywhere who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also to the citizen who cares for his brothers in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause." **Abraham Lincoln**

Please join the City of Marion at our 4th Annual Veteran's Appreciation Program on Friday, November 4th, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. Veteran's Memorial Triangle (located on S. Main Street at West Liberty Street).

We invite our citizens to come out and show their appreciation for our Veterans for their loyal and faithful service protecting our Freedom!



Don't forget Daylight Savings Ends November 5th at midnight. Set your **CLOCK** back.

NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Bobby L. Davis, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21
- Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Pam Jones, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Ficik, Personnel / Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Ann Jackson, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dewayne Tennie, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Cindy Barr, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Tony Flowers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Chris McKenzie, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Wayne and Barbara Mathews of 803 N. Willcox Avenue have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for October 2015. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. & Mrs. Mathews will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

Separating Your Debris

Debris should be placed curbside, without blocking the roadway or storm drains.

NO PICKUP ZONE
Any debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up.

DEBRIS SEPARATION
Separate debris into the six categories shown below.
DO NOT STACK OR LEAN
Placing debris near or on trees, poles, or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.
UNSURE WHERE TO PLACE DEBRIS?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch, or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

- Normal Household Trash**
 - Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.
- VEGETATIVE DEBRIS**
 - Leaves (do not put in bags)
 - Logs
 - Plants
 - Tree branches
- CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS**
 - Building materials
 - Carpet
 - Drywall
 - Furniture
 - Lumber
 - Mattresses
 - Plumbing
- APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS**
 - Air conditioners
 - Dishwashers
 - Freezers
 - Refrigerators
 - Stoves
 - Washers, dryers
 - Water heaters
- ELECTRONICS**
 - Computers
 - Radios
 - Stereos
 - Televisions
 - Other devices with a cord
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Batteries
 - Lawn chemicals
 - Oils
 - Oil-based paints and stains
 - Pesticides

Please remember to separate your DEBRIS. Please follow the six categories shown above. 1. Normal Household Trash, 2. Vegetative Debris, 3. Construction & Demolition Debris, 4. Appliances & White Goods, 5. Electronics and 6. Household Hazardous Waste. Do not stack or lean debris and if you are unsure where to place debris. Place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.

A Team Marion Neighborhood Watch "WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS KEEPERS"

Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

Greetings to the Swamp Fox City. We as individuals and collectively as a town are currently weathering a storm. Matthew has wreaked havoc on our beloved city. Last month I wrote about what I believe is the number one factor in making Marion a beautiful place to live. I really wish fate had not stepped in to prove me right in such a big way. Last month I said what makes Marion beautiful is not just the flowers, trees and grass. It's the citizens. Over the last couple of weeks, I have witnessed the beautiful spirit and resilience of the people of Marion. I had neighbors help me evacuate my home early on the morning of October 8th. I took shelter in another neighbor's home. My personal experience has been mirrored all over Marion. Several of my neighbors deserve special recognition. Greg and Lynn Corson proved indispensable. Greg monitored the area and aided where he could. Lynn was called on to access the medical needs of a very sick neighbor. Cathy and Robert, our neighbors on Second Avenue, kept cell phones charged for anyone who asked. In the city, others stepped up to the plate. Jimmy Burroughs and his staff at Jimmy B's fed their hungry customers and kept the linemen and others nourished so they could aid us all. What does this have to do with neighborhood watch? It's simple. My neighbors met and bonded over our shared goal of ridding our neighborhood of crime. That bond continues to grow at our meetings and events. If you know your neighbors, it is a given that you will care about their welfare. Strong, caring people make strong, caring neighborhoods. Strong, caring neighborhoods make strong, caring towns. Matthew may have broken and bent the trees of Marion, but her citizens remain unbowed. A Team truly lives our motto: "WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS KEEPERS."

CITY TO TAKE DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

For the seventh year, Marion City Council members and Mayor Bobby L Davis will be seeking donations for funds its Christmas "Food for Friends" program.

The program has been wildly successful, thanks to the generous gifts of the city's residents and businesses. During last year's program the people of Marion donated to help families enjoyed all the trimmings and fixings for a Christmas meal. Each pre-packed box costs \$40. Donations are welcome in any amount and will be put with other donations to help make purchases.

City firefighters and police officers will distribute the boxes throughout the city during the week of December 19th. Donations can be made at City Hall on Main Street or to the Fire Department on Bond Street. For more information, call the Administrator at 423-5961.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Marion will hold a public meeting on November 8th at the City Council Chambers, 107 South Main St, Marion at 6:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for public facilities, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. At this public hearing the city will solicit input on the needs assessment and the activities which might be undertaken to meet identified needs, including the estimated amount proposed funds to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income.



Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County. Call Randy Floyd (843) 992-1627 or email floydrandy@hotmail.com for information.

Wednesday, November 2nd.... 8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine. TBA later.

Friday, November 4th..... 3:30 p.m. recognize our Veterans, at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle (located on South Main Street and West Liberty Street)

Saturday, November 5th..... 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Parade and Celebration, Downtown Marion. A special program will follow at Marion High School featuring guest speaker and Marion County Councilman Lt. Col (Ret) Milton Troy II. For more information call (843) 423-8255.

Tuesday, November 8th..... ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 9th..... 6:15 p.m. Public Hearing, Council Chambers.

Tuesday, November 9th..... 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Friday, November 11th...City and County Offices Closed, Veterans Day.

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th Thanksgiving. City and County offices will be closed.

After Hurricane Matthew

Mayor Bobby L. Davis said he was thankful citizens made it through Hurricane Matthews damage conditions with no fatalities reported. Even though there were no fatalities we had devastating weather but overall the city is really blessed Mayor Davis said.

Mayor Davis thanked residents for their patience, calling the clean-up effort a slow process. "We have contacted the South Carolina Department of Transportation and they plan to make two pickups for debris and we ask that all tree removals be moved to the side of the road as soon as possible."

Mayor Davis said crews were on the frontline and emergency responders were on the job rescuing others. There was flooding on Strawberry Street and the Thomas Trailer Park where residents had to be transported to shelters. There were three boats to help with transports and cleared roads as much as possible.

We have seen volunteers, first responders, Mayors, council members, city administrators, city workers, Power Company, and military work together as Hurricane Matthew swept through Marion County. Many had tears in their eyes as they witness the destruction that Matthew has left. Throughout the county many were rescued by boat and helicopter as they carry were what they could in their hands. The flood waters had taken over and they had to leave their home immediately. Yet with all the destruction and damage the community still stands strong for Marion County. Everyone had and still is working together as a community to repair and restore that was lost for an even better and stronger Marion County. Hurricane Matthew is temporary in God's plan to get our attention to what he can do. Mayor Davis thanked fellow fire departments and agencies for their help.

Good Morning...Martin's Service Center!

Submitted by Kathy Stedman for HMRA

According to Scott Martin, Martin's Service Center has been at 201 N. Main Street since 1980, when his father, Aaron, started the business. Having worked in the insurance business, Mr. Aaron "switched gears" so to speak, and began what has remained to this day, a family owned and operated business serving the Marion County community. Scott initially worked with his father from day one, on a part time basis, but became fully invested in the business on a full time basis in 1987. He worked right alongside his dad, until Mr. Aaron passed on. His brother, Brad, joined the business on a full time basis in the late 1990's. The building façade was rebuilt in 1990.

Having grown up in the Marion community, Scott noted that many of his customers are long standing, and have somewhat of a family history with the business. Over the years, we have provided services ranging from pumping gas to changing tires and doing alignments. We do the "standard" mechanical work on vehicles, change oil and filters, do tune-ups, and provide diagnostic services. We can provide our customers a lift, if needed, while their vehicle is being serviced. Scott stated that one of the biggest changes in the automotive industry was going to computer generated boards which control all the functions and provide information and feedback on the status of the vehicle. He noted that the older generation might find this a little challenging, but he can quickly put them at ease when it comes to explaining the technicalities involved with these systems. Scott also believes that vehicles have become extremely sophisticated because people have come to place more emphasis and demand on luxury comforts in their rides. Cars are no longer simply a means of transportation.



As a sideline, Scott dabbles in buying and selling used vehicles, something he really enjoys doing. It is so nice to see a viable service station in the heart of downtown Marion. With convenient hours of operation, Monday-Friday 7am-6pm, Martin's Service Center (843 423-3422) is a statement in itself to the loyalty the Martin family has to this community. Scott says he likes to keep things simple, and honesty, integrity, and exceptional service are simply what keep his customers well satisfied.




Please Join
THE CITY OF MARION
at our 4th Annual
VETERAN'S APPRECIATION PROGRAM
Friday, November 4, 2016
3:30 p.m.
Veteran's Memorial Triangle

Special Guests:
OUR VETERANS

Guest Speakers
Musical Presentation:
Rev. Larry Williams & the Tabernacle of God Ministries

Please Make Plans to Join Us & Recognize Our Veterans!

HELP OUT THE STORM!!!

SC Legal Services warns you to BEWARE of SCAM after the storm. For Free Services call (888) 346-5592

Home Repair Tips After The Storm also call (888) 346-5592.

Needing help cutting trees or cleaning your yard after the storm. There may be help. Contact (800) 451-1954.

FEMA Assistance dial (800) 621-3362.

Marion County Recovery (843) 423-3904

Need more information on Dementia or Alzheimer's disease

The Alzheimer's Association hosts a support group for family caregivers. The support group meetings will be held at Carolinas Hospital, 2829 E. Highway 76, Mullins SC, on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. The support group offers education, resources and, most importantly, support for those individuals caring for a loved one with dementia. Please RSVP or call for more information (843) 423-1888. If you need assistance with a sitter while you attend the meeting the call any Local Home Care Provider for respite.



.....**GOING ON IN MARION**.....

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Looking for the right place to hold your next event?

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call 423-5410 for availability.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.



**Marion Chamber of Commerce
2016 Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 3, 2016
Line up begins at 3:30pm and the parade starts promptly at 4:30 PM**

The form must be completed in its entirety, and the appropriate fees must be returned by November 30, 2016 at noon. **No late entries** will be accepted.

Decorated Commercial Floats are available to be rented for a fee of \$380. We have 4 available. This includes signage, transport vehicle and driver. These are on a first come/first serve basis. Photos are available in the Chamber office. Please call 423-3561 to reserve your float.

There is no fee for elected officials, School bands, queens, or marching units, Fire Departments or Municipal rescue units. Entry fee for all other units is \$10 and are subject to the criteria under the Rules and Regulation form.

Deadline to enter: November 16, 2016 for Commercial Float rental

All other entries Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 12:00 noon.

Mail all entries along with your entry fee check if applicable made payable to the Marion Chamber of Commerce to:

**Marion Chamber of Commerce
2016 Christmas Parade
P.O. Box 35
Marion, South Carolina 29571**

For more information please contact the Chamber office 843-423-3561.

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Marion County Visitor Center

The mayors of Marion County are among the first to support the Marion County Visitor Center. Although the visitor center has not had its official grand opening, it is open to receive visitors Monday through Friday 10:00 AM- 4:00PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and is located in the historic railroad Depot in Marion.



Mayors Bobby Davis of Marion, Bo McMillian of Mullins, Lawson Battle of Nichols and Barbara Hopkins of Sellers recently met together at the Marion County Visitor Center to visit the new center,

share ideas for its progress and offer support.

The Marion County Visitor Center is open to furnish information to residents of the county and visitors about Marion County's historic sites, natural resources, events and general information about the county. Each month people from other counties, states and countries stop in Marion County, and before the visitor center opened, there was no resource that supplied information about the entire county.

City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

Withlacoochee Park

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

Grice's Recreation Center

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

Tilghman Park

409 Montgomery Street - It also has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

REMEMBER:

Historic Marion is a great place to visit, shop, dine and live! Visit the City of Marion online at www.marionsc.gov and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.